

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

**EMERGENCY OUTREACH BUREAU
PSYCHIATRIC MOBILE RESPONSE TEAM (PMRT)**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Psychiatric Social Worker II or Mental Health Clinician II

Service Areas 3 and 6

The Emergency Outreach Bureau is recruiting two PSW II's or MHC II's for the Psychiatric Mobile Response Team (PMRT) to provide field-based crisis intervention to DCFS-involved children during the hours of **3:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.** These positions will specifically work with DCFS-involved children who have been evaluated for involuntary hospitalization in Service Areas 3 or 6 and who did not meet criteria for transport to inpatient psychiatric facility, but are still in crisis. Services to be provided include field-based crisis counseling, follow-up, and linkage services to assure coordinated care with DCFS, DMH co-located clinicians and the DMH System of Care. The positions will also confer with foster parents, residential facility staff, and DCFS on strategies to work with children in crisis in order to avoid multiple psychiatric hospitalizations.

Duties to be performed by the PSW II or MHC II include the following services:

- Provide intensive field-based crisis intervention counseling to DCFS-involved children in order to reduce adverse client symptoms and increase coping strategies
- Work directly with foster parents, residential facility staff, DCFS and DMH clinicians on strategies that address current and future crises with clients
- Provide appropriate linkage and follow-up services
- Interview DCFS children, families, school personnel, residential facility staff, and others in the field to determine if clients meet 5585 criteria for danger to self, danger to others, and/or grave disability for involuntary detention and inpatient psychiatric hospitalization
- Participate as a member of the Child and Family Team to provide input on urgent needs of child and family.
- Other duties as assigned

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

- Clinical experience in working with children and adolescents with multiple diagnoses including substance abuse, developmental disabilities, etc.
- Knowledge of DCFS services system and DMH children's programs
- Experience working with a multidisciplinary team
- Work during evening and nighttime hours for crisis calls
- Manage emotionally charged situations by providing crisis intervention in residential settings and institutional locations
- Adaptable and flexible

Interested candidates should submit their resume by 4/8/13 to:

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